

What is CSHS?

- ♥ **Children's Special Health Services**, commonly referred to by its initials—**CSHS**, is a program of services provided through the Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH) for children in Louisiana who have special health care needs.
- ♥ As defined by the federal government, **children with special health care needs** are those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.
- ♥ **CSHS** works in partnership with other federal, state and local programs, public and private agencies, institutions and providers to meet the changing needs of children with special health care needs and their families and to serve as many as possible.
- ♥ **CSHS** assumes a public health leadership role in planning and providing family centered, community-based, culturally competent, comprehensive and coordinated services for children with special health care needs in Louisiana. This is done to minimize the child's disabilities and maximize his/her potential of enjoying an independent and self-sufficient life.
- ♥ **CSHS** is committed to assuring that quality health care is provided to children with special health care needs by acting as a direct service provider, serving as care coordinators, and/or as a payment source for those children receiving direct care from other providers.
- ♥ **CSHS** works in partnership with family coalitions at the national, state and local level to empower families to be knowledgeable and effective users of health care and related resources.

What Services Does CSHS Provide?

- ♥ **Health care services** for children with certain chronic physical illnesses or serious disabilities which cause (or are likely to cause) significant limitations in major life activities
- ♥ **Medical tests and procedures**—including X-ray, lab, EKG, audiology, etc.
- ♥ **Hospitalization** for medical or surgical diagnostic and treatment services
- ♥ **Therapies** including physical, occupational and speech
- ♥ **Home health services**
- ♥ **Medical equipment and supplies** including appliances, wheelchairs, hearing aids, prostheses, etc.
- ♥ **Parent/family support services**
- ♥ **Medications and special diets**
- ♥ **Nursing, nutrition and social services follow-up**
- ♥ **Care coordination, case management, and resource development**, including referral to and collaboration with other community providers such as education, early intervention, genetic services, mental health services, etc.

Who is Eligible?

Children who:

- ♥ live in Louisiana.
- ♥ are under 21 years of age.
- ♥ have a condition which:
 - ⇒ can benefit from rehabilitation services.
 - ⇒ is covered by the CSHS.
 - ⇒ requires long term treatment by specialists, physicians & multi-disciplinary staff.
- ♥ meet financial guidelines established by CSHS.

How Does a Family Apply For CSHS Services?

The application process starts at your local parish health unit. A parent can contact the parish health unit or the CSHS Regional Office where the child lives for further information. A referral from a physician, school nurse or audiologist is needed.

Where are CSHS Services Provided?

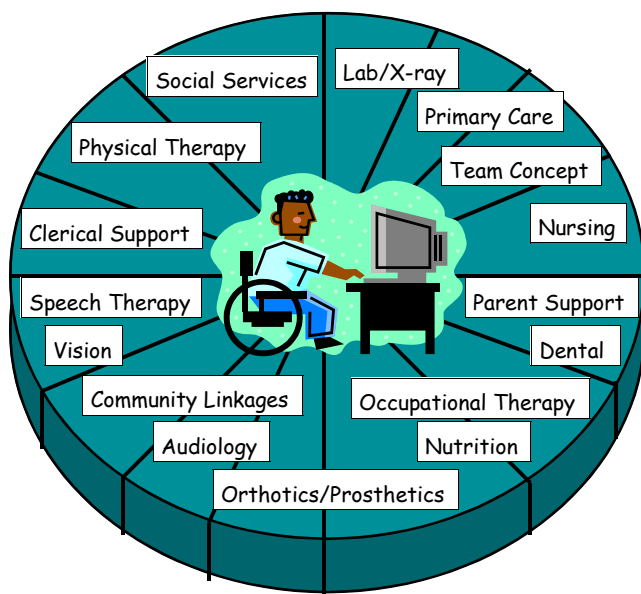
CSHS services are provided statewide and as close to the child's home as possible. Services are primarily provided through nine CSHS Regional Offices. Phone numbers and parishes covered are listed on the back of this brochure.

To Receive More Information...

Contact your parish health unit or the CSHS Regional Office nearest you (*see list on back of brochure*). You may also contact Central Office at:

(504) 568-5055

The CSHS “Circle of Services”



A circle of services with
you and your family at the
center.

The Children's Special Health Services Regional Offices

REGION I

CSHS Metropolitan Regional Office
200 Henry Clay Ave., Suite 214
New Orleans, LA 70118
(504) 896-1340
Parishes: Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines,
St. Bernard

REGION II

CSHS Capitol Regional Office
353 N. 12th St., Room 95
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 242-4890
Parishes: Ascension, E. Baton Rouge,
E. Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, W. Baton
Rouge, W. Feliciana

REGION III

CSHS Teche Regional Office
2535 Veterans Blvd.
Thibodaux, LA 70301
(985) 447-0896
Parishes: Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles,
St. James, St. John, St. Mary, Terrebonne

REGION IV

CSHS Acadian Regional Office
220 West Willow St., Building A
Lafayette, LA 70508
(337) 262-5616, Ext 106
Parishes: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette,
St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion

REGION V

CSHS Southwest Regional Office
3236 Kirkman Street (P.O. Box 3170),
Lake Charles, LA 70602
(337) 480-2552
Parishes: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu,
Cameron, Jefferson Davis

Check our website: [http://
www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/
childrensspecial/index.html](http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/childrensspecial/index.html)



REGION VI

CSHS Central Regional Office
5604 "A" Coliseum Blvd.
Alexandria, LA 71303
(318) 487-5282
Parishes: Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia,
Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn

REGION VII

CSHS Northwest Regional Office
1035 Creswell Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71101
(318) 676-7488
Parishes: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo,
Claiborne, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River,
Sabine, Webster

REGION VIII

CSHS Northeast Regional Office
1650 Desiard Street
Monroe, LA 71211
(318) 361-7282
Parishes: Caldwell, E. Carroll, Franklin,
Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse,
Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, W.
Carroll

REGION IX

CSHS Southeast Regional Office
15481 W. Club Deluxe Rd.
Hammond, LA 70403
(985) 543-4165
Parishes: Livingston, St. Helena,
St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington

Services are provided to
eligible applicants
without regard to race,
color, national origin,
age, sex,
religion or disability.

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CSHS values families!